

**Northern Virginia Regional Partnership Planning Project**  
**Structural Work Group – Meeting Notes**  
**January 9, 2004**

**In Attendance:**

Phill Bradbury, Alexandria CSB  
Lynn DeLacy, NVMHI  
Joan Durman  
Tom Geib, Prince William CSB

Mike Gilmore, Alexandria CSB  
Cindy Kemp, Arlington CSB  
Jim Thur, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB

**1. Approval of December 11, 2003 Notes**

The December 11, 2003 meeting notes were accepted.

**2. Old Business**

It was noted that Lynn DeLacy needed names from Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun CSBs for the Centers for Excellence item from the Structural Work Group report which was discussed in December.

Jim Thur noted that Jim Stratoudakis is in the process of arranging the initial meetings of the Quality Assurance and Training work groups called for in the Structural Work Group report. Jim also noted that Cathy Pumphrey will soon kick off the Information Technology group.

**3. Continued Discussion of Three Potential Regional Groups**

The three potential regional groups identified at the last Structural Work Group meeting were: (1) Northern Virginia Partnership [two parts: special projects and planning], (2) NVACSB [CSB Executive Directors and Board Chairs only], and (3) Reinvestment Group [two parts: coordinating group and policy group]. Jim Thur drew the group's attention to the latest edition of the "Analysis of Possible Activities" chart, which he revised to reflect the five areas previously established by the group.

The group discussed the possibility of developing a public corporation which would serve as a public entity overseeing the DAD program. The State code would need to be revised in to allow for this entity to be established. Jim Thur reported that he is exploring this issue and Tom Geib indicated that the County Attorney in Prince William is also in agreement that there is a need for a regional entity. Tom proposed that a meeting be set up between the CSB Executive Directors and their respective county attorneys. It was agreed that while an interim measure is working on for the oversight and management of the DAD funds, the issue be used as a primary example of the larger need for a regional entity.

A subcommittee was formed to meet and draft a proposal for the organization of future work groups/activities and the formation of a regional entity. The importance of keeping private service providers as well as advocates involved in the process was highlighted. The subcommittee will report back to the NVACSB at their January 28, 2004 meeting.

#### **4. Review Established Groups**

Due to time constraints, this item was only briefly discussed. Jim Thur noted the importance of agreeing on planning for future activities, and also indicated that the Children and Youth item might be taken on by the regional CPMT.

#### **5. VACSB Strategic Plan Proposal**

Tom Geib briefly reviewed the VACSB strategic plan proposal and the group agreed to actively support the concepts of the plan.

#### **6. Future Meeting Schedule**

Next Meetings: The Structural Work Group scheduled meetings for the following dates, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.: February 13, March 12, April 9, and May 14.

#### **7. New Business**

There was no new business

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